



U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, FEBRUARY 13—
Last 24 hours' rainfall, 00; Temperature, max.
77; min. 64; Weather, fair.

SUGAR—96° Test Centrifugals, 4.9375; Per
Ton, \$98.75; 88 Analysis Beets, 15s 3d; Per
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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1905.

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ERIC KNUDSEN LEADS IN RACE FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Fifth District Endorses Kauai Statesman, and It is Said That He Has Eighteen Votes Solid.

The Fifth District held a second caucus last night, and got in for Knudsen of Kauai. The trend, now, is all one way. It looks as though the caucus of the entire House that is called to meet at ten a. m. would give the Speakership to Knudsen. It was given out, indeed, last night that Knudsen would win in a walk.

It was a day of rainbow-chasing yesterday. The Knudsen men, and the Harris men, and the Long men, and the Holstein men, all claimed all that there was in sight—and none of them had anything more substantial to base his claims upon than what the whole town knew. The day opened with the Kauai delegation solid for Knudsen, and the Fifth District pledged by its caucus to Long, if there should be a caucus of the whole House. Beyond that, there was nothing definite.

The situation cleared a little as the day wore on. Before noon it became apparent that there were but two candidates seriously in the race for the Speakership. Harris was out and Holstein was out. There remained only Knudsen and Long. Around these two the elements circled and circled. Every street corner was a place of caucusing, and every man who had an interest to serve or an axe to grind buttonholed statesmen and whispered to them mysteriously.

There was no caucus of the whole House but in the early afternoon it began to be whispered about that the Fifth had or would rescind its endorsement of Long. The Fifth met in caucus last night, and the endorsement of Long was rescinded. More than that, the District gave its unqualified endorsement to Knudsen, and will stand for him as a solid phalanx in the caucus which has been called by Representative Lewis to meet at ten o'clock this morning.

The members from the Fifth District have redeemed themselves. With Knudsen in the Speaker's chair, there can be no possibility of the charge of graft being laid at the door of the House. The man from Kauai is of sturdy, honest stock, his hands are clean and his record is good. He can be depended upon to rule fairly and to preside ably. The people of the Territory can be sure that their interests will be administered honestly, and the delegation from the Fifth District can feel that they have deserved the confidence of the voters who elected them.

Last night Knudsen and Long still remained in the field, but it was felt that the band wagon had started and that Kauai led the procession. Knudsen, it was said, had not less than eighteen votes pledged to him out of a possible twenty-nine. The four from Kauai were his, of course. The endorsement of the Fifth District gives him six more. He has four in the Fourth District giving him a total of ten from Oahu. It would need one more outside to give him a majority, and he has two certain from Hawaii, and two from Maui. To the two from Hawaii, it is possible that at least one more will be added who is not counted upon by Knudsen's friends, and there is a possibility also of an additional Maui vote.

If pledges go for anything, it should be all over but the shouting, and Knudsen should be the next speaker of the House. The Long men, in fact, looked pretty blue last night, and there was none of the loud claiming that has been indulged in every day heretofore. It was admitted, in fact, that the defection of the Fifth District has been a solar plexus blow to the Oahu statesman. Long has never had a strong following in his own district, but for all that he has made a strong battle for the Speakership.

After the failure of the caucus to materialize yesterday, it was felt that some step should be taken to get the statesmen together before the meeting of the House, and so Representative Lewis of Hilo, whose duty it is to call the House to order, or at least to preside before the election of a Speaker as chairman, was induced to issue a call for the meeting. It was said that it was to be an open caucus, and if that is the case, perhaps the members can be put on record, in that almost as well as though the Speaker should be elected in open session in full sight of the multitude. What the people deprecated was a secret caucus. Much that is not as it should be, may be done behind closed doors.

The House caucus, although the fact was not stated in the Lewis call, will presumably be held at Republican headquarters, on Fort street.

The Senate will hold a caucus this afternoon at three o'clock in the office of Senator Dowsett, on Merchant street. There is less public interest in this, because it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that Paul Isenberg will be elected President, and it is felt that the public interests are safe in his hands.

"There is no administration candidate for the Speakership of the House," said Governor Carter yesterday. "I have told all the members who have called upon me that I have no choice among the candidates."



HON. ERIC KNUDSEN OF KAUAI.

CUT OF TWO CENTS IN PRICE OF MEAT

Senator McCandless Says the Graziers Should Divide the Loss With Metropolitan Stockholders.

"It is not fair to the stockholders in the Metropolitan Meat Company who are not graziers," said L. L. McCandless last night. "I believe in a fair deal all around. We have got these men interested with us, and now we are seeking to take advantage of them. Mind, I am a grazier myself, as well as being interested in the Metropolitan Meat Company. All the same, I do not believe in taking advantage of anybody. And now comes this reduction in the price of meat, which the graziers insist shall all be made by the Metropolitan Meat Company, coming out of the company's profits."

For that was the action taken yesterday, as a result of a meeting of the Hawaiian Stock Breeders' Association in the morning, and of the directors of the Metropolitan Meat Company held in the afternoon. It was agreed that a cut of two cents per pound, approximately, should be made in the price of all beef sold to consumers in Honolulu. And the cut is all to come out of the Metropolitan Meat Company, the price to be paid to the graziers for cattle remaining the same.

The cut is a general one on all beef, although there will be a still greater reduction on some classes of beef. The object is to increase the consumption of beef in the local market, if that is possible. As has already been said, the Stock Breeders' Association held a meeting in the morning. At this meeting, the question of the continuance of the Metropolitan Meat Company in the wholesale business was discussed at some length. It was finally determined that, if the Metropolitan would make the cut, the present arrangement for handling the product should be continued.

In the afternoon the Directors of the Metropolitan held a meeting, and after a rather breezy session, the cut announced was agreed to, it being also resolved that there should be no reduction in the price paid to graziers for their cattle.

"And I say that it is not fair," said Senator McCandless, "to compel the Metropolitan stockholders to stand all of the loss. Now, there is a good deal that may be said upon this matter, but I am not sure that this is the time to say it. Perhaps after a while, I will feel inclined to talk more freely. For the present, I will content myself with saying that I do not think the stockholders in the Metropolitan are getting a square deal."

CODE COMMISSION PASSES LAST PAGES TO PRINTER

Massive Volume of Over 1400 Pages Containing All Territorial Laws, the Largest Printing Job Ever Undertaken Here.

The last forms of the compiled laws arranged by the Code Commission under authority by the legislature of 1903, last night went to the printers in the Hawaiian Gazette Company's composing room, and in a day or two the first completed copies will have been finished by the bindery department. This will represent the largest printing job ever undertaken in the Hawaiian Islands.

The book will contain 1451 pages from cover to cover. The volume contains a preface by the Commission, which is composed of Chief Justice W. F. Frear, A. A. Wilder, whose nomination as a Justice of the Supreme Court is now before the United States Senate, and A. F. Judd. There is a short story of what the commissioners have done, and the authority under which they have acted, followed by a preface containing the Constitution of the United States, the Joint Resolution of Annexation, the Treaty of Annexation which was passed by the Hawaiian Senate, and the Organic Act.

After that comes the main body of the work, consisting of 3208 sections. Therein are all the statutory laws of the Territory. That is followed by an appendix consisting mainly of laws concerning land titles, a great many of which are not readily available to anybody at the present day. For instance, the laws concerning the Land Commission, which awarded all the lands to the people. Also, in the appendix are the laws which are of a temporary nature, for instance, the statutes under which bonds have been issued by the Republic of Hawaii, Fire Claims bonds, etc.

With each section is a note giving the history of that section, the history of when and where it was passed and the amendments. Following that comes a note of the changes, if any, which the Commission has made in that section, so that any one reading it in conjunction with the text, can tell how it stood originally. Then follows a note of the cases in the Hawaiian Reports dealing with the subject matter of the text of each section.

All this has necessitated a close reading by the Commission of volumes 1 to 15 of the Hawaiian Reports. After everything in the main body comes the index filled with cross references and the three indices have been consolidated into one.

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SEARCH FOR JONES'S BODY

The President Wants to Find the Remains of America's Great Sea Fighter--Mitchell Again Indicted.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt has requested Congress to appropriate \$35,000 to search for the body of John Paul Jones in an abandoned cemetery of Paris and erect a suitable monument.

The result of the search instigated in 1899 by Henry Vignaud, secretary of the United States embassy at Paris as well as an enthusiastic archaeologist, was the location of the grave of Commodore John Paul Jones as being somewhere beneath the house at No. 1 Rue des Ecluses Saint-Martin which was built on the corner of a cemetery abandoned in 1793. The burial of Jones took place in the year previous, July 29, 1792. Owing to the intense feeling against Protestants in the early part of the last century records of Protestant burials are hard to find but documents have been dug up which approximately locate the burial place of the American naval hero.

Excavations have shown that the whole tract once covered by the cemetery consists of what is technically known as "corse loam" and is full of bones, the cemetery having been overcrowded. As the body of the commodore was one of the last to be buried it is very likely that it was interred near what was the entrance to the graveyard. If he was buried in his uniform there might be a few brass buttons or the sword by which the body might be identified.

The place was used as a stable after the graveyard was discontinued and then as a laundry. In digging a pit for the boiler of the laundry many bones were exhumed. At present the place is occupied by a photographer. Gouverneur Morris visited Jones when he was

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SENATOR MITCHELL IS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—Mitchell and Hall have been indicted for conspiracy to compromise United States District Attorney Heney.



SENATOR MITCHELL.

Senator Mitchell's remarkable career was fully described in a recent Sunday Advertiser. His name as it stands is an alias; he has been accused of many moral derelictions to which he has made no defense and is now under indictment for taking a bribe of \$2000 and for entering into a conspiracy to blacken the name of his prosecutor, U. S. District Attorney Heney.

HEARST BREAKS SILENCE TO ACCUSE OF MURDER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Hearst of New York and Sullivan of Massachusetts exchanged personalities in the House yesterday. Hearst accused Sullivan of complicity in a murder.

THE COLDEST IN YEARS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The weather is the coldest known in six years. It extends from Canada to the Gulf and from the Rockies to the Atlantic. Many people have been frozen and the loss in live stock is heavy.

QUIETER IN WARSAW.

WARSAW, Feb. 14.—Work has been partially resumed.

DUELS WITH BIG GUNS.

KUROKI'S HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 14.—Daily artillery duels are progressing. The weather is moderating.